

REMARKS

I. Office Action Summary

In the Office Action mailed March 22, 2005, claims 31-32, 34-35 and 43-52 were rejected. Claim 33 was objected-to and claims 36-42 were allowed. The detailed rejections for the rejected claims were as follows:

Rejected Claims	Basis	Prior Art Reference
31,32,35	102(b)	Baker (US 3,889,671)
34	103(a)	Baker + Benos (US 2,238,964)
43-52	Obviousness-type double patenting	Claims 1-13 of US 5,988,160

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 31, 32 and 35 in view of the newly cited Baker reference, however Applicant has amended claim 31 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 33 in order to expedite allowance of the claims. Applicant reserves the right to refile unamended claim 31 in a continuation application.

Claims 34 and 35 are dependent claims, therefore their allowability directly follows from the allowability of independent claim 31.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claim 34 over the combination of Baker and Benos. Applicant again disagrees with the Examiner's rejection, but notes that dependent claim 34 is allowable for at least the same reasons as amended independent claim 31.

IV. Rejection for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

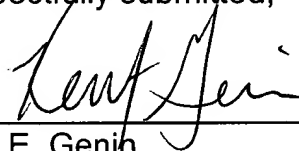
The Examiner rejected claims 42-52 for obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 1-13 of U.S. Patent No. 5,988,160. Applicant

respectfully disagrees with this rejection, but attaches a suitable terminal disclaimer to expedite issuance of a patent for the current claims.

V. Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims (31-52) are in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to refile unamended claim 31 in a continuation application. If any questions arise or issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite disposition of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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